THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism has announced a scheme to provide incentive to hotels of 1 to 3 star and Heritage Basic categories all over the country where the hotels projects have been commissioned and classified w.e.f. 01-04-2007 to 31-03-2008. The incentive will be in the form of capital subsidy of Rs. 2.00 lac per room subject to a maximum of Rs. 30.00 lac to one star hotel, Rs. 3.00 lac per room subject to a maximum of Rs. 75.00 lac to two Star hotel, Rs. 3.00 lac per room subject to a maximum of Rs. 100.00 lac to three star and Heritage Basic category hotels.

Development of Tourism in Sikkim

†602. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated to the State of Sikkim for the development of tourism during the current financial year;

(b) the names of places identified by Government in view of tourism for spending this allocated fund, and

(c) the efforts being made by Government to promote tourism industry?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism, Government of India provides Cental Financial Assistance to all States/Union Territories for development and promotion of tourism through following schemes:

(1) Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits

(2) Large Revenue Generating Projects

(3) Fairs and festivals/Events

(4) Information Technology

During the Tenth Five Year Plan, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned tourism projects to the tune of Rs. 392.33 crore to all States in the North Eastern Region including Rs. 74.96 crore for Sikkim and santioned 21 projects for an amount of Rs. 5931.48 lakh in current financial year to the State of Sikkim, as per given Statement (*See* below)

The Ministry of Tourism promotes tourism to North East through dedicated media campaigns, web-site and production of publicity & collateral material. Information is also disseminated through the India tourism offices in India and abroad.

Statement

Projects sanctioned for the State of Sikkim in the year 2007-08

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3
1.	Development of Assam Lingzey to Khedi Trek Route including other Tourist Infrastructure in East Sikkim	329.08
2.	Development of Community Park at Bojey and Water Garden at Hee Pul under integrated Development of Tourism, West Sikkim.	441.81
3.	Construction of flower show pavilion at Namchi in South Sikkim.	473.20

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
4.	Construction of Pony Track and other infrastructure at Hanuman Tok, Tashi View point and Ganesh Tok, Gangtok, East Sikkim.	431.00
5.	Development of Car Park and Meeting Hall at Samdruptse in South Sikkim.	336.77
6.	Construction of of View Tower at Balwakhani and Foot Trail around Gangtok, East Sikkim.	193.13
7.	Construction of Tourist Heritage Centre at Tek in South Sikkim.	109.65
8.	Development of Budag Gadi (Fort) at Central Pandam in East Sikkim.	208.74
9.	Development of Buddhist Tourist Circuit along Chochen Pheri, East Sikkim.	222.37
10.	Construction of interpretation Hall, Meditation Hall, Reception & Tourism Amenity block, Buddha Statue, Sikkim.	435.63
11.	Tourist Infrastructure under Jorethang Constituency in South Sikkim.	327.96
12.	Development of Nathula-Memencho-Kupup-Gnathang Tourist Circuit in East Sikkim.	454.30
13.	Development of lake and its surrounding at Gufa Dara, Hee Bermick, West Sikkim.	189.95
14.	Construction of Indian Himalayan Centre for Adventure and Eco-Tourism at Chemchey Phase-II in South Sikkim.	389.54
15.	Development of Trekking Route from Cabi to Tamzey including high altitude trek of Damboche Jakathang and Thanguphu in North Sikkim.	382.34
16.	Tourist Reception Centre at Rangpo in East Sikkim.	453.41
17.	Construction of Culture village at Tharpu in West Sikkim.	441.93
18.	Celebration of Namchi Mahotsav, 07, Sikkim.	5.00
19.	Celebration of Jorethang Maghey Mela-2008	4.00
20.	Rural Tourism at Village Chunbung, Distt. West Sikkim.	49.96
21.	Rural Tourism at Village Tingchim, Sikkim.	48.71
	TOTAL:	5931.48

Development of Eco-Tourism in Udupi district in Karnataka

603. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has requested for grants for development of eco-tourism and Adventure Tourism in the State, particularly in Udupi district;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Central Government's response thereto with present status of the proposal;

(c) whether the Central Government has conducted any study to verify the potential for inclusion of the Kudroli 'Shree Gokarnanath Temple', Mangalore (Karnataka) in the pilgrimage